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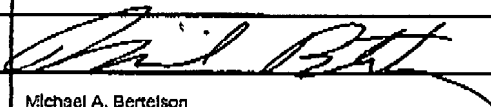
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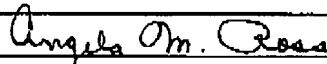
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Main Entry: **<sup>1</sup>im·plant**

Pronunciation: im-'plant

Function: *verb*

*transitive verb*

**1 a** : to fix or set securely or deeply <a ruby *implanted* in the idol's forehead> **b** : to set permanently in the consciousness or habit patterns : **INCULCATE**

**2** : to insert in living tissue (as for growth, slow release, or formation of an organic union) <subcutaneously *implanted* hormone pellets>

*intransitive verb* : to undergo **implantation** <the failure of embryos to *implant*>

- **im·plant·able** /-'plan-t&-b&l/ *adjective*

- **im·plant·er** /im-'plan-t&r/ *noun*

**synonyms** **IMPLANT**, **INCULCATE**, **INSTILL**, **INSEMINATE**, **INFIX** mean to introduce into the mind. **IMPLANT** implies teaching that makes for permanence of what is taught <*implanted* a love of reading in her students>. **INCULCATE** implies persistent or repeated efforts to impress on the mind <tried to *inculcate* in him high moral standards>. **INSTILL** stresses gradual, gentle imparting of knowledge over a long period of time <*instill* traditional values in your children>. **INSEMINATE** applies to a sowing of ideas in many minds so that they spread through a class or nation <*inseminated* an unquestioning faith in technology>. **INFIX** stresses firmly inculcating a habit of thought <*infix*ed a chronic cynicism>.

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